

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KAREN ALBERTS,  
Plaintiff,

v.

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY  
OF BOSTON,  
Defendant.

Case No. [14-cv-01587-RS](#) (MEJ)

**NOTICE OF REFERRAL FOR  
DISCOVERY**

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

This case has been referred to Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James for discovery. The parties must comply with Judge James' Discovery Standing Order, which is available on the Court's website at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/mej>. A copy is enclosed herewith for any pro se party.

The parties are advised that they must meet and confer in person before any dispute is considered. Thus, any pending discovery motions are hereby **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** to the filing of a joint letter. If the parties submitted a letter to the presiding judge instead of a motion, the letter shall not be considered unless the parties attest that they met and conferred in person prior to filing the letter. Accordingly, if there is a pending letter, the parties shall file a joint statement within three days of this notice verifying that they met in person prior to filing the letter.

Please contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Rose Maher, at (415) 522-4708 with any questions.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: October 10, 2014

  
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MARIA-ELENA JAMES  
United States Magistrate Judge